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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on _____ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), 0 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
2. Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
6. _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 1, 22-70 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims 2-21 have been cancelled.

3. Claims _____ are allowed.

4. Claims 1, 22-70 are rejected.

5. Claims _____ are objected to.

6. Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable; not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been approved by the examiner; disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been approved; disapproved (see explanation).

12. Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.

13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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Claim 1, retained for filing purposes should be cancelled.

Parent case paragraph must be updated when possible. Any drawing or spec. corrections applied in the parent case should be made in this case.

Abstract objected to; it should be amended to refer to features being claimed (plated holes). In Figs. 4A, 4B, a numeral should be used for the plated holes and the numeral added to the spec. (page 19).

The cited prior art has been reviewed by the Examiner. In addition, applicant is asked to point out those documents considered by them to be most pertinent to the claims of this case and to discuss them with respect to such claims.

Claims 1 and 22-70 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,295,869 (the parent case). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims of this case define only obvious variations of the parent case claims.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection is a judicially established doctrine based upon public policy and is primarily intended to prevent prolongation of the patent term by prohibiting claims in a second patent not patentably distinct from claims in a first patent. *In re Vogel*, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970). A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) would overcome an actual or provisional rejection on this ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(d).

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In the PTOL-1449, page 1, four foreign patens are lined out since the copies are too light to be readable. The France patent on page 1 and the page 5 document are acceptable.

For the page 1, lined out items including the publications and the foreign patents and other documents, listed on pages 2-4, 7, 8, 12, and 13 proper copies should be submitted since it is required that foreign patents and publications, if to be listed on the printed patent, "must be present~~ed~~" in the patented file.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to N. Abrams at telephone number (703) 308-1729.

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